

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed May 6, 2004. By this Amendment, claims 6 and 8 are amended; and claims 34-42 are newly presented. Claims 2-4, 6, 8, 10-11, 18-20 and 26-34 are pending in this application. It is noted that Applicants have amended and cancelled the above-identified claims solely to advance prosecution of the instant application and to obtain allowance on allowable claims at the earliest possible date. Accordingly, no admission may be inferred from the amendments of claims herein. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the originally filed claims in the future.

In the office action, the Examiner indicated that claims 2-4, 6, 8, 10-11, 18-20 and 26-33 would be allowable if amended to overcome a rejection made under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. With this response, Applicant has amended claims 6 and 8 to include the language suggested by the Examiner in the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that these independent claims are now in condition for allowance. Claims 2-4, 10-11 and 18-20 depend from claim 6 and recite additional limitations. Claims 26-33 depend from claim 8 and recite additional limitations. Applicant respectfully submits that these dependant claims are also now in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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